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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Noboru Watanabe**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Allowance dated November 24, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the claims of this application:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.